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EDUCATION FOR ALL
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in Pioneer dated 17.11.2002 regarding Global Monitoring Report: Education for All: Is the World on Track released recently;

(b) if so, the facts reported therein alongwith the remarks given in report in regard to India;

(c) the response of the Union Government to each remarks given in report;

(d) whether the EFA Global Monitoring Report India alongwith Nepal andPakistan stands at the serious risk of not achieving three of the goals − Universal Primary Education, adult literacy and gender partially of the Dakar framework;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the corrective steps taken by the Government to achieve these goals positively within the fixed time frame work?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f): The UNESCO has brought out a Global MonitoringReport in which India has been shown as one of the 28 countries at a serious risk of missing all the three EFA Goals. The conclusions drawn in this Report are based on data available to UNESCO in the year 2000 for three parameters, namely, net enrolment ratio in primary schools, the percentage of adult literacy and gender parity as per gross enrolment ratio in primary schools. The data used by UNESCOfor these parameters is either outdated or were not available to UNESCO as far as India is concerned, leading to misleading conclusions. Further, initiatives taken in the recent years like launch of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and revamping of literacy programmes have not been taken into account for arriving at the conclusions. The targets set under these programmes are much ahead of the EFA target date of 2015. The monitoring report was reviewed at the meeting at Abuja on November 19- 20 of the High Level Group on EFA set up by UNESCO which was attended by Minister of Human Resource Development. These discrepancies were pointed out and the Indian position clarified by the Ministerat the meeting.